IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A nightlight comprising:

a casing having an aperture in a front side thereof;

a plug that extends from a rear side of the casing and connects the nightlight to an alternating current (AC) power source;

a light bulb that is illuminated by the AC power source and provides illumination through the aperture in the front side of the casing;

an electric motor mounted in the casing, said motor having a shaft that extends through the front side of the casing proximate to the aperture illuminated by the light bulb; and

a design disk that mounts on the shaft and rotates with the shaft, said design disk having a radius that causes a portion of the disk to cover the lighted aperture in the front side of the casing when the disk is mounted on the shaft, said rotating design disk having a design thereon, wherein at any one time, a portion of the design that is in front of the lighted aperture is visible when the rotating design disk is viewed from the front side of the nightlight.

2. (Original) The nightlight of claim 1, further comprising a first switch that selectively connects the AC power source to the light bulb independently of the electric motor.

3. (Original) The nightlight of claim 2, further comprising a second switch that selectively connects the AC power source to the electric motor.

4. (Original) The nightlight of claim 3, further comprising a plurality of resistors that balance the load between the light bulb and the electric motor.

5. (Original) The nightlight of claim 1, further comprising a rheostat connected to the electric motor that variably controls the speed at which the motor rotates the shaft.

6. (Original) The nightlight of claim 1, wherein the electric motor is an AC motor.

7. (Original) The nightlight of claim 1, wherein the electric motor is a direct current (DC) motor, and the nightlight further comprises an AC-to-DC converter that converts the AC power source to a DC power source before applying the power to the DC motor.

8. (Original) The nightlight of claim 1, wherein the design disk is transparent.

9. (Original) The nightlight of claim 1, wherein the design disk is translucent.

10. (Currently Amended) A nightlight comprising:

a casing having a front side and a rear side;

a plug that extends from the rear side of the casing and connects the nightlight to an alternating current (AC) power source;

a light bulb within the casing that is illuminated by the AC power source;

an illumination area on the front side of the casing from which illumination from the light bulb is radiated;

an electric motor mounted in the casing that receives power from the AC power source, said motor having a shaft that extends through the front side of the casing proximate to the illumination area; and

a design disk that mounts on the shaft and rotates with the shaft when the motor is powered by the AC power source, said design disk having a radius that causes a portion of the rotating disk smaller than approximately one-half of the disk to cover the illumination area when the disk is mounted on the shaft, said rotating design disk having a design thereon[[,]] that moves through the illumination area as the rotating design disk rotates.

11. (Original) The nightlight of claim 10, wherein the illumination area is a translucent portion of the front surface of the casing.

12. (Original) The nightlight of claim 10, further comprising a rheostat connected to the electric motor that variably controls the speed at which the motor rotates the shaft.

13. (Previously Presented) A nightlight comprising:

means for illuminating an illumination area on a front surface of the nightlight;

means for energizing the illuminating means;

means for interposing a design disk between the illumination area and a user of the nightlight, said rotating design disk having a design thereon; and

means for rotating the design disk;

wherein the rotating design disk has a radius that causes a portion of the disk to cover the illumination area as the disk rotates, thereby causing different portions of the design to move through the illumination area as the design disk rotates.

14. (Original) The nightlight of claim 13, wherein the energizing means is a battery.

15. (Original) The nightlight of claim 14, wherein the rotating means is a direct current (DC) electric motor.

16. (Original) The nightlight of claim 13, wherein the energizing means is a plug that connects the nightlight to an alternating current (AC) power source.

17. (Original) The nightlight of claim 16, wherein the rotating means is an AC electric motor.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Original) The nightlight of claim 13, further comprising means for variably controlling the speed of rotation of the rotating means.